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Captive Nations Week, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The history of our Nation reminds us that the traditions of liberty must be protected and preserved by each generation. Let us, therefore, rededicate ourselves to the ideals of our own democratic heritage. In so doing, we manifest our belief that all men everywhere have the same inherent right to freedom that we enjoy today. In support of this sentiment, the Eighty-sixth Congress, by a joint resolution approved July 17, 1959 (73 Stat. 212), authorized and requested the President to proclaim the third week in July of each year as Captive Nations Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 13, 1975, as Captive Nations Week.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I urge rededication to the aspirations of all peoples for self-determination and liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-seventh day of June, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

Gerald R. Ford





Captive Nations Week, 1976

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

This year we mark the beginning of our third century as an independent nation. Two hundred years ago our Declaration of Independence declared that "all men are created equal." It did not say "all Americans" but embraced all men everywhere. Throughout our history we have repeatedly demonstrated our conviction and concern that men and women throughout the world should share the full blessings of liberty.

As we celebrate our Bicentennial, it is important that we let the world know that America still cares, that the torch in the Statue of Liberty still burns brightly. The world should know that we stand for freedom and independence in 1976, just as we stood for freedom and independence in 1776.

For two centuries, the fundamental basis of American policy toward other nations has remained unchanged: the United States supports the aspirations for freedom, independence and national self-determination of all peoples. We do not accept foreign domination over any nation. We reaffirm today this principle and policy.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning July 18, 1976 as Captive Nations Week.

I call upon the people of the United States to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and I urge rededication to the aspirations of all peoples for self-determination and liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this second day of July in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

Gerald R. Ford

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 7⁹, 1975



Dear

President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating the week of July 13th as Captive Nations Week, 1975. In his Proclamation the President states, "Let us . . . rededicate ourselves to the ideals of our own democratic heritage."

The President asked that I send you the enclosed duplicate of his Captive Nations Week Proclamation as a small remembrance of this occasion. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Baroody". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President


Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: ROLAND ELLIOTT

FROM: MARGUERITE MCAULIFFE 

SUBJECT: Captive Nations Week

Please arrange to have the attached letter robo-typed to the individuals on the enclosed list for the Captive Nations Week Proclamation.

Thanks very much.

1. Dr. Hamdi Oruci
Chairman
Albanian American Clubs
P. O. Box 2971
Floral Park, New York 11001
2. Mr. Aloysius Mazewski
President
Polish American Congress
1200 North Ashland Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60622
3. Mr. Taras Szmagala
Chairman
Ukrainian National Republican Council
7725 Selwich Drive
Parma, Ohio 44129
4. Dr. Kazys Bobelis
860 Summit
Elgin, Illinois 60120
5. Dr. Paul Saar
Chairman
Estonian American Committee
243 East 34th Street
New York, New York 10016
6. Dr. Vitaut Kipel
Chairman
New Jersey Ukrainian Federation
230 Springfield Avenue
Rutherford, New Jersey ~~50100~~ 07070
7. Dr. Lev E. Dobriansky
4520 Kling Drive
Alexandria, Virginia 22312
8. Mr. Miro Gal
Chairman
National Federation of Croatian
American Clubs
67-88 Groton Street
Forest Hill, New York 11375
9. Mr. Voldemars Korsts
Latvian American Federation
2932 W. Eastwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60625

10. Mr. Stephen Postupak
RD 2 Still Creek
Tamaqua, Pennsylvania 18252
11. Dr. Andrew Pogany
201 Raymond Avenue
South Orange, New Jersey 07079
12. Mayor Ralph Perk
Chairman
American Czech Republican Club
3421 East 49th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44127
13. Mr. Andrea Valuchek
Special Assistant to the Chairman
for Nationalities Affairs
Democratic National Committee
1625 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20036
14. Mr. John Lesawyer
President
Ukrainian Congress Committee
30 Montgomery Street
Jersey City, New Jersey 07302
15. Colonel Julian M. Niemczyk
Director
Heritage Groups Division
Republican National Committee
310 First Street, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20003

July 7, 1975

Dear Dr. Docheff:

As you know, President Ford recently signed a Proclamation designating the week of July 13th as Captive Nations Week, 1975. In his Proclamation the President states, "Let us . . . rededicate ourselves to the ideals of our own democratic heritage."

The President asked that I send you the enclosed ceremonial duplicate of his Captive Nations Week Proclamation in response to your request of June 28th. It comes to you with his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Dr. Ivan Docheff
Executive Vice Chairman
Captive Nations Week
Committee of New York
Post Office Box 1204
New York, New York 10017



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

7.1.75

TO: Marguerite McAuliffe

For Your Information: _____

For Appropriate Handling: ✓

RDL
Robert D. Linder

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Captive Nations Week

COMMITTEE
Of New York

P.O. Box 1204, New York, N.Y. 10017

Hon. Matthew J. Troy, *Chairman*

Dr. Ivan Docheff, *Exec. Vice Chrmn.*

June 28, 1975

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**Captive
Nations
Include:**

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bulgaria
Byelorussia
Cambodia
China
Cossackia
Croatia
Cuba
Czechia
East Germany
Estonia
Georgia
Hungary
Idel Ural
Kuril Islands
Latvia
Lithuania
Mongolia
No. Caucasus
North Korea
North Vietnam
Poland
Romania
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
So. Sakhalin
South Vietnam
Tibet
Turkestan
Ukraine
And Others

Hon. Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Ford,

According to Public Law 86-90 the Captive Nations Week will be observed this year again from July 13 to July 19, 1975.

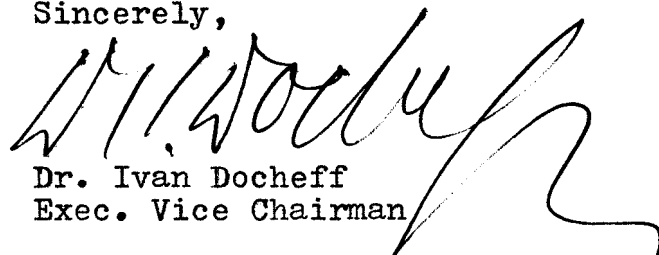
The Program for the Opening Day - July 13 - in New York include Holy Mass in St. Patrik's Cathedral at 10:00 AM., Parade on 5th Ave. starting 11:00 AM. and open Rally with Ceremonies and Folklore Performences in Central Park Band Shell - 12:30 PM.

We expect several thousands to attend.

I am authorized by the Captive Nations Committee of New York to ask your Proclamation for the Captive Nations Week Observance to be mailed to our Committee in sufficient time ahead in order to receive the Proclamation before the Opening Day - July 13, 1975 and be able to read it to the gathering in Central Park Rally - July 13 noon.

All of us with great interest expect your Proclamation.

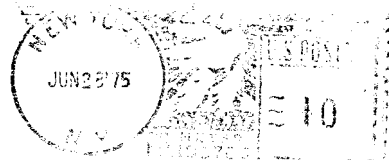
Sincerely,



Dr. Ivan Docheff
Exec. Vice Chairman

CAPTIVE NATIONS COMMITTEE

P. O. BOX 1204, NEW YORK, N. Y. 10017 — USA



Hon. Gerald Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

July 7, 1975

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William J. Baroody, Jr.
Assistant to the President

Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

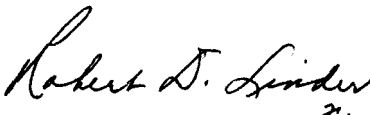
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: MARGUERITE McAULIFFE

The President has signed a Proclamation entitled:

"Captive Nations Week, 1975"
(week beginning July 13, 1975)


Robert D. Linder



Republican
National
Committee.

Julian M. Niemczyk

MEMO FOR: Dr. Theodore Marrs
FROM: Jay Niemczyk - *jr*
DATE: July 1, 1975
SUBJECT: Captive Nations Proclamation

As a follow-up to my telephone conversation with Mrs. Velma Shelton on July 1, 1975, regarding the 1975 Captive Nations Proclamation, I am forwarding a list of persons to whom it could be sent.

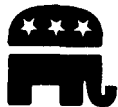
It is requested that the Captive Nations Proclamation be mailed to each person included on the attached list.

To receive maximum benefit by the recipients, it would be helpful if it reaches them before July 13, 1975.

Your assistance is appreciated.

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Floral Park, New York 11001
2. Mr. Aloysius Mazewski
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